



**Jewish Federation of Ottawa  
Board of Directors Meeting**  
Summary of Discussion for the  
community

**Monday, October 12, 2022**

Board Meeting

**In Attendance:** Leila Ages, Harold Feder, Jeff Laks, Marina, Milyavskaya, Karen Palayew, Gillian Presner, Alice Retik, Tal Scher, Jacob Shabinsky, Ian Sherman, and Marci Surkes,

**Staff:** Sarah Beutel, Andrea Freedman, Micah Garten and Mark Gruner.

**Recorder:** Sabrina Vitoriano.

**I: Welcome – Ian Sherman**

Ian welcomed Board members and called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm.

**II: Approval of Board Meeting Minutes – Ian Sherman**

Ian called for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Board of Directors meeting.

**Moved:** Marina Milyavskaya

**Second:** Leila Ages

**Motion carried**

**III: Federation Grants & Allocations: Jewish Journeys – Sarah Beutel**

Ian invited Sarah Beutel to present on the Federation Grants & Allocations: Jewish Journeys strategic funding stream. Sarah highlighted some of the key points noted in the document circulated ahead of the meeting. There were no questions from the board.

Jeff Laks called for a motion to approve the recommendation for Jewish Journeys.

**Moved:** Jeff Laks

**Second:** Karen Palayew

**Motion carried**

**IV: Federation Grants & Allocations: Capital Funding for Synagogues – Sarah Beutel**

This item is a follow-up to the prior discussion regarding capital funding for synagogues, in order to have a final decision from the board.

The board had a robust and healthy discussion, with all questions posed by the board being answered to their satisfaction. It was discussed that, although the Federation supports accessibility, funding capital projects is not sustainable.

Gillian Presner called for a motion to approve a recommendation that capital projects be excluded from the fund.

**Moved:** Gillian Presner

**Second:** Harold Feder

**Motion carried**

**V: President's Report – Andrea Freedman**

Ian invited Andrea Freedman to present on the President's Report, who provided the following updates to the report previously circulated to the board:

- The number of families engaged by the PJ program in Kanata was 7;
- The Campus chair position is transitioning from Jacob Shabinsky to Tal Scher;
- Micah Garten and Pauline Colwin's titles have changed to Vice-President, Development and Vice-President, Communications respectively. Mazel Tov to both on this well deserved recognition;
- Andrea is meeting Camille Williams-Taylor, Director of Education for the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board, in-person next week; and
- Last Friday, there was a meeting with representatives of the Orthodox community where it was identified their key challenges faced in Ottawa: high school, day school sustainability and kosher establishments.

All questions were answered to the board's satisfaction.

Ian thanked Andrea for her report.

**VI: Annual Campaign Report – Micah Garten**

Ian invited Micah Garten to present an update on the Annual Campaign.

As of October 12<sup>th</sup>, Campaign 2023 is just under \$1.5 million from 419 donors, 19 are new or lapsed donors, with a flat performance. Due to the slow pace of the campaign, additional actions are being implemented.

The monthly gifts by donors program continues to grow with 33 donors and approximately \$32,000 collected cumulatively on an annual basis.

Ian thanked Micah for presenting the campaign update.

**VII: Board Retreat Retrospective and Open Mic – Ian Sherman**

Based on what was discussed on the Board Retreat, Ian asked to focus this conversation on engagement and the younger generation. The board made thoughtful suggestions, particularly in relation to micro-communities and Ian suggested this conversation be continued at a future meeting.

The meeting then moved in camera.

**VIII: In Camera**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:34 pm.

